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SUBJ: "NEUTRON BOMB" ISSUE AT UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
(SSOD)

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1. ON MAY 5, EMBASSY POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER MET WITH
YALIM ERALP, FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTION OFFIER ON SSOD,
TO CONVEY TALKING POINTS ON ENHANCED RADIATION
WEAPONS (WRW) ISSUE PER REFTEL. ERALP COMMENTED THAT
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HE PERSONALLY SAW LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIETS AND EASTERN
BLOC TO EXPLOIT ERW ISSUE AT SSOD, AS IT WOULD BE
DIFFICULT TO INJECT EASTERN PROPAGANDA INTO SSOD ACTION
PLAN. ERALP ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS MIGHT POSSI-
BLY SEEK SEPARATE AND CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION ON ERW OR
THAT THEY MIGHT INSERT ISSUE INTO ACTION PLAN IF SSOD

RESORTS TO VOTING ON SEPARATE SECTIONS OF PLAN. ERALP SAID THAT GOT WOULD COOPERATE WITH ALLIES IN DEVELOPING COMMON POSITION ON ERW IF ISSUE ARISES AT SSOD.

2. DURING MORE GENERAL CONVERSATION ON SSOD MATTERS, ERALP SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT MAY INCLUDE IN HIS SPEECH TO SSOD THE NEED TO "REGULARIZE" THE STATUS OF THE CCD. ERALP SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT ECEVIT BELIEVES THAT THE CCD IS AN ORGANIZATIONAL ANOMALY IN THAT IT IS OUTSIDE THE UN SYSTEM AND THAT SUCH AN IMPORTANT BODY IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD SHOULD SOMEHOW BE LINKED TO THE UN POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. ERALP DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ECEVIT WOULD SUPPORT REESTABLISHMENT OF THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION WHOSE INEFFECTIVENESS CONTRIBUTED TO SETTING UP THE CCD.

3. COMMENT: WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY SAYING SO, ERALP CONVEYED IMPRESSION THAT GOT POSITIONS FOR SSOD HAVE NOT BEEN WORKED OUT AND, BECAUSE ECEVIT HAS BEEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY SO MUCH IN RECENT WEEKS, ANY INITIATIVES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT MAKE IN HIS SSOD SPEECH ARE NOT FULLY DEVELOPED. ERALP INDICATED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT TURKISH POSITIONS ON VARIOUS SSOD ISSUES WOULD BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THIS PAST WEEK'S NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS' MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

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